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AMEMBASSY KINSHASA NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BRASILIA NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO ALL AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL STUTTGART IMMEDIATE

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE EIGHTH SITUATION REPORT ON UGANDA  
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IT WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

1. FBIS REPORTS THAT THE KAMPALA DOMESTIC SERVICE BROADCAST THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT IN SWAHILI AT 11:45 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 28. "A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HIS EXCELLENCY'S SCHEDULED MEETING WITH THE AMERICAN NATIONALS IN UGANDA ON WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH, 1977, HAS BEEN

POSTPONED AND ANOTHER DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER. THE UGANDA GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN QUOTED THE LIFE PRESIDENT, FIELD MARSHAL DOCTOR IDI AMIN DADA, COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES, AS SAYING THAT ALL AMERICAN NATIONALS WHO ARE IN UGANDA ARE NOW FREE TO GO ANYWHERE THEY WISH, SUCH AS GOING FOR HOLIDAYS OR ABOUT THEIR NORMAL BUSINESS, BE IT INSIDE OR OUTSIDE UGANDA. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ALL GOVERNORS SHOULD TURN UP AT THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY...THEY ARE REQUIRED TO COME WITH THE MEMORANDA WHICH THEY WERE GIVEN BY THE AMERICANS AS REQUESTED."

REUTERS CITED THE PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN AS SAYING AMIN "WISHED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES."

AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN HAS CONFIRMED THE ANNOUNCED LIFTING OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IN A TELEPHONE CALL TO NAIROBI.

2. EMBASSY BONN HAS AGREED THAT ELLERKMANN BE INSTRUCTED TO TEST THE REMOVAL OF THE EXIT INTERDICTION IF A U.S. CITIZEN IS WILLING TO APPLY AND, IF IN ELLERKMANN'S JUDGMENT, THE TEST CASE IS CERTAIN NOT TO BE COUNTER-PROMPTIVE. ELLERKMANN HAS SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED THAT AT LEAST ONE U.S. CITIZEN IS ALREADY TRYING TO EXIT UGANDA.

MEANWHILE, EMBASSY NAIROBI INFORMS US THAT AN AMERICAN TOURIST, ROBERT SHINN, WHO ARRIVED IN KAMPALA BY BUS ON FEBRUARY 25, CROSSED INTO KENYA ON FEBRUARY 28 WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. IN KAMPALA, THE FRG EMBASSY INFORMED HIM THAT THE RESTRICTIONS ON AMERICANS APPLIED ONLY TO UGANDA

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RESIDENTS, AND THE UGANDA IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT THE BORDER, ONCE HE DETERMINED THAT SHINN WAS A TOURIST, PERMITTED HIM TO LEAVE. SHINN REPORTED THAT KAMPALA APPEARED CALM AND FEW SOLDIERS WERE IN EVIDENCE. HE SAID THAT SEVERAL AMERICAN TRAVELERS HE ENCOUNTERED TOLD OF BEING CHECKED BY POLICE AND OF BEING RELEASED WHEN THEY SAID THEY WERE TOURISTS.

3. AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN HAS NOT YET BEEN GIVEN AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMIN TO DELIVER PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE. ELLERKMANN HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TAKE NO FURTHER STEPS TO GAIN AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT AMIN. IF AN APPOINTMENT SHOULD NOW BE GRANTED, HOWEVER, ELLERKMANN IS TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER, WHILE EXPLAINING THAT THE MESSAGE WAS DRAFTED EARLIER.

4. AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN HAS INFORMED US THAT INACCURATE NEWS REPORTS THAT HE HAS SEEN AMIN AND HAS

DELIVERED PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE ARE CAUSING HIM DIFFICULTIES. THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE HAS CONTACTED DEUTSCHE WELLE AND HAS REQUESTED THAT THE ERRONEOUS BROADCASTS BE HALTED, AND HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT ISSUE A CLARIFICATION. WE HAVE ASKED VOA TO BROADCAST NOTHING TO LEND CREDENCE TO THE REPORTS, BUT HAVE NOT CONTACTED OTHER NEWS AGENCIES PENDING REVIEW OF POSSIBLE ANNOUNCEMENTS LATER TODAY.

5. ON FEBRUARY 28 AT 5:30 P.M., ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELE CALLED IN THE UGANDA CHARGE WHO CONFIRMED THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING WITH THE AMERICANS

IN UGANDA. THE CHARGE ASSUMED THE CHANGE WAS DUE TO THE UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY AND SUGGESTED THAT THE GOU HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE MEETING TO DEFUSE THE SITUATION. THE CHARGE SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REPEAT THAT

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AMERICANS WERE COMPLETELY SAFE. WHEN SCHAUFELE NOTED THAT THEY WERE STILL PROHIBITED FROM LEAVING UGANDA, THE CHARGE ANSWERED THAT AMERICANS WERE FREE TO LEAVE WHEN THEY WISHED. SCHAUFELE SAID THAT A GOU ANNOUNCEMENT TO THAT EFFECT WOULD BE HELPFUL AND THE CHARGE AGREED TO

TELEPHONE KAMPALA AND PASS ON THE SUGGESTION.

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